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Topsoil Moisture

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Field Crops

Cotton planting is 70 percent complete, 12 and 2 percentage points behind last year, and the 5-year average with conditions at mostly good to excellent. Arizona's alfalfa condition was rated in very poor to excellent condition, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Barley conditions are mostly good to fair, and 95 percent emerged, 10 and 4 percentage points ahead of last year and the 5-year average. Durum Wheat conditions are mostly good to excellent, with 80 percent headed, behind last year at 85 percent and the 5-year average at 91 percent. Winter Wheat conditions are very poor to excellent, depending on location, and 70 percent of the crop is headed, same as last year and ahead of the 5-year average at 68 percent. This week there were 7 days suitable for field work.

Range and Pasture

Extremely dry conditions exist throughout the State, as temperatures are rising and no moisture is received. Range and Pastures were rated in very poor to good condition, depending on location.

Moisture Conditions

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Crop Condition								
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent			
	- Percent -							
Alfalfa	6	4	22	37	31			
Barley	1	0	37	51	11			
Cotton	0	0	28	37	35			
Durum Wheat	0	0	15	47	38			
Range and Pasture	21	31	30	17	1			
Winter Wheat	9	0	16	44	31			

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.			
	- Percent -						
Barley, Headed	95	90	85	91			
Cotton, Planted	70	65	82	72			
Durum Wheat, Headed	80	75	85	91			
Winter Wheat, Headed	70	65	70	68			

- Percent -9 Very Short Short 36 34 57 62 Adequate Surplus

Subsoil Moisture

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Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped celery and potatoes last week.

Western Arizona growers shipped green cabbage, kale, and seedless watermelons last week.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
April 28, 2014 -May 4, 2014								
	Temperature				Precipitation			
					Past	Jan. 1	Departure	Percent
Station	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Week		From Normal	of Normal
Aguila	69	3	95	43	0.00	0.43	-3.44	11
Buckeye	74	3	100	49	0.00	0.77	-1.68	31
Bullhead City	74	-3	103	51	0.00	0.27	-2.77	9
Canyon De Chelly	52	-4	84	27	0.00	1.59	-1.07	60
Coolidge	70	-2	100	44	0.00	0.97	-2.11	31
Douglas	62	-2	88	39	0.00	0.60	-1.30	32
Flagstaff	46	0	74	27	0.00	3.09	-5.21	37
Grand Canyon	45	3	78	25	0.00	1.27	-7.00	15
Kingman	64	3	91	44	0.00	0.79	-2.72	23
Maricopa	73	1	100	51	0.00	1.14	-1.60	42
Paloma	71	-2	97	48	0.00	0.27	-2.40	10
Parker	77	4	103	50	0.00	0.48	-1.60	23
Payson	58	3	82	36	0.00	2.04	-5.41	27
Phoenix	78	5	102	60	0.00	0.99	-1.46	40
Prescott	57	5	84	36	0.00	0.97	-4.81	17
Roll	73	2	102	47	0.00	0.34	-0.62	35
Safford	65	1	90	39	0.00	0.42	-1.68	20
St. Johns	51	-5	83	23	0.00	0.84	-1.81	32
Tucson	70	1	96	50	0.00	0.61	-2.02	23
Willcox	62	2	90	39	0.00	1.58	-0.95	62
Winslow	54	-4	88	29	0.00	1.18	-0.64	65
Yuma	80	5	103	60	0.00	0.07	-0.89	7
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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